



March 29, 2019

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the March for Life and the hundreds of thousands of our supporters and fellow marchers, I am writing to give our support to the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” (H.R. 962) sponsored by Rep. Ann Wagner (R-Mo.) as well as H. Res. 102, the discharge petition filed by Republican Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.). These two pieces of legislation compliment a bill passed in 2002 that ensures protections for babies born alive and repercussions for those who would allow these babies to die. March for Life Action will score in favor of the bill in our annual scorecard for the 116th Congress if it reaches the floor of the House of Representatives.

Because of the open hostility towards the issue of life by the current House Democratic Leadership March for Life Action will also take the step of scoring negatively any Members who refuse to sign H. Res. 102, the discharge petition sponsored by Representative Scalise.

As you know, the legislation guarantees that live-born infants are afforded the full protection of the law, regardless of their stage of development or whether their live births occurred during an abortion. The bill requires that any health care practitioner present during a botched abortion that results in a live birth to exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. After the exercise of that skill, care, and diligence required, ensure that the child born alive is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital.

Recently it has become more apparent the need for this legislation. Only about half of states have laws on the books to mandate that physicians to provide medical care in cases of an infant born alive after at attempted abortion, and what protections do exist are at risk. For example, New York recently repealed its protection. Maryland, Rhode Island, New Mexico and Vermont are all in the process of lowering their standard protection. While children born alive are recognized as persons under federal law, federal law does not criminalize the denial of care to babies who survive an abortion.

We ask you to join the majority of Americans in recognizing that a child born alive, even if it has been marked for abortion, also has a right to life that should not be ignored. Again, we ask that you vote in favor of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act and sign H. Res. 102, the discharge petition asking for a vote on H.R. 962. March for Life Action will be scoring both the vote as well as signatures in our annual scorecard for the 116th Congress. We look forward to continuing our work with you in the ongoing fight for life.

Sincerely,

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